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Students react to world-changing attack



Shelton students watch the day's events unfold on a TV set up in a classroom in the library

By Chris Bunn

“It’s not supposed to be able to happen,” said Gary Waters, a student here at Shelton State. That was said about a shocking report that came to us through the airwaves on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 at 8:50 a.m. A hijacked airplane had struck the World Trade Center.

Minutes later, it was struck again. It was clear that this was a coordinated effort. A short while after the explosions, the World Trade Center collapsed. Along with this devastating news, we learned also that a plane had struck the Pentagon. Two of the most important buildings in the country attacked in one day within a short time of each other. Later in the day,

another building in the World Trade Center complex fell. As if this was not enough, the AP reported an explosion outside the State Department. This was a terrorist attack. “Could this be the beginning of the end?” Jamie Ryland, another student, asks. Good question.

Because of this devastation, many things were put on hold. The stock market did not open for business. All airports were closed. “It’s not supposed to be able to happen. For the first time in history, airlines are shut down at every airport in the United States,” said Waters.

Zach Gable, also a student, said, “This is crazy! I don’t know what to say.” He is not alone. Daily life as we know it has stopped.

Along those lines, gas prices are starting to rise everywhere. Amber Richards, student, said, “Being a pizza delivery driver, the rising gas prices and possible shortages affect my life greatly.” She is not the only one. Just a few short hours after the decimation, people were lined up into the streets to fill their gas tanks. Grocery stores were also very busy today. People were there until late in the evening to purchase milk, eggs, bread and other groceries.

Eye witnesses reported seeing people jumping from the highest point of the World Trade Center and bodies falling after the first explosion.

Student Stephanie Tolbert said, “It can be likened to the bombing of Pearl Harbor.” The damage of the Pentagon was compared to the Oklahoma City bombing. Thousands of people were killed, although we still do not know what the exact number of the casualties are yet. The security of America has been compromised.

It is reported that someone from

the Osama bin-Laden camp told a British newspaper that bin-Laden planned to attack the United States. This was done three weeks ago. Palestinians were dancing in the streets in celebration. They feel that the United States should, “feel some of our suffering,” said one Palestinian.

When asked how she felt about the celebration going on in Palestine, Robyn Richards, the parent of Amber Richards, said “It made me sick to my stomach to see people happy and cheering the fact that people died simply because they were American.”

In response to the possible and probable anger, the administration of Shelton State has issued the following statement:

“By now, many of you are aware of several ‘possible’ terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. Over the next few hours and days, many extremist factions will claim credit for these deplorable acts of vio-

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Buccaneers’ Friends



Shelton State has been a member of the county wide adopt a school program for over 15 years. For the first time ever Shelton has adopted Hillcrest Middle School that is near the campus off Hwy 69. Rick Rogers, Shelton president, said, “We are very excited that they are across the street from us and we will be able to get more people over there to work with them. Also we hope that they will be able to use our facilities more.” HMS cheerleaders posing in SSCC --t-shirts are (Front, L-R)— Jamie Levert, Ansley Grace, Bethany Collins, Katherine Williams, Fallon Frank. (Back, L-R)—Sara Phillips, Tracey Lawrence, Karmen Gray, Caroline Thompson, Adrienne Patrick, Magan Rottenberry, Bailey Ashcraft, Emily DeFrance, Catherine Jordan.; (Crouching)—Maegen Brewer and Sara Beth Dean.

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Back to School

By Carol Y. Collins-Miller

The skills of a talented writer can take you on many different journeys while you are relaxing in your living room. Terry McMillan's "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" will have you literally checking under the bed before getting in it. Reading is considered a favorite pass time for many people. But for college students, who may also have a family and a job, is there time for pleasurable reading?

During the week of Aug. 20, I conducted random surveys of Shelton students to find out who was actually reading for pleasure. Two out of every three students admitted that other than course-related material they didn't have time to read. One out of every three

students however, considered themselves avid readers. Chris Penuel and Jeremiah Meeks said that the Bible is the only other book they read regularly. Cassandra Thomas reads short stories primarily from magazines. Princess Jones amazed me with her response, "Yes, I love to read! As a matter of fact I just read Sister Souljah's latest book, *The Coldest Winter Ever*. I found it so enjoyable I read the book in one night."

I fall somewhere in the first group. In fact, I can still remember that look on Dr. Kenny's face when he learned that I did not read regularly. I had been writing for the *Courier* for about six months. Kenny had been evaluating my writing and advising me on how to improve my skills and my self-confidence. During a discussion in his office I admitted to him that I did not read regularly. His eyes widened as he rocked back in his chair with a startling look on his face. He couldn't believe that my interest in becoming a writer and my demonstrated potential wasn't fueled by reading. I tried

to explain as his expressions demanded but the true reason for me not reading more often was time.

I just didn't have time in my busy life for non-essential reading. Kenny assured me that reading the works of other writers was possibly the key to me reaching my greatest potential as a writer.

The positive effects of reading are unlimited. Aidan Chambers the author of a book called *The Reluctant Reader* says, "The effects of reading are intangible and extremely difficult to measure." Chambers goes on to say that reading a good book can increase understanding, stimulate intellectual and emotional growth or simply entertain and it is important for all ages. In addition, recent studies have found reading to be effective in reducing stress, increasing memory and concentration. So, find some time and make a habit of curling up with a good book; someday the author may be yours truly.

Off the Shelf . . .

New works available in the Brooks-Cork Library

By Glen Johnson

On the Best-Seller Shelf...

The ole maestro is at it again as John Le Carre returns with his newest offering *The Constant Gardener*. But what's he going to do now that the Cold War has wound down? No problem, Le Carre's skills as a writer have been refined and polished to an even more lustrous level.

Tim Dorsey may live in Tampa but he writes like he's one of us. In his latest book *Orange Crush*, he's got the Florida governor's race which features House Speaker Gamer Tatum locking horns with his opponent whose chief asset appears to be his recent engagement to Miss Tallahassee 2001 (hey, she's also a talented ventriloquist). If this already sounds familiar, just wait until Dorsey throws in a murderer called "The Bumper Sticker

Killer" and you'll know you've got a winner.

It looks like a Romance. It reads like a Romance. And it probably is a Romance. But Geraldine Brooks's *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* contains enough gore, disease and death to satisfy even the most ghoulish Stephen King fan as the bubonic plague marches across England of 1666.

Social Issues: *Marriage and the Family in the Middle Ages*, by Frances Gies; *To Believe in Women*, by Lillian Faderman; *The Atlantic Slave Trade*, by Herbert S. Klein; *Should We Have Gun Control?*, by Maggi Aitkens.

U.S. History: *Freedom From Fear*, by David M. Kennedy; *Homelands and Waterways*, by Adele Alexander; *The Crucible of War*, by Fed Anderson; *Sister Revolutions*, by Susan Dunn.

Future Issues

This is the twelfth *Courier* of the year. We will publish twice each month in September, October and November. One per month is set for December and January, 2002. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406.

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



Believe it or not, the summer time night sky has its very own teapot the constellation, Sagittarius! The tea is already brewed and the pot is in the pouring position all you need is a cup!

To find the teapot simply look almost due south just above the horizon about an hour after sunset. It is tipped toward the right about 30 degrees from the horizon with its triangular spout on the right and its four star handle on the left. The pot is

smaller at the top and has a triangular lid.

You will notice a very bright, reddish object just to the right of the teapot it is the planet Mars!

Since Sagittarius is one of the twelve constellations that the ecliptic runs through, the planets will be somewhere in one of these twelve. It will be fun to watch Mars over the next couple of months as it moves into the teapot!

Another beautiful sight in

Make a Pot of Summertime Tea!

the sky associated with Sagittarius is the Milky Way, our galaxy, that we see as a hazy streak through the sky because it is made up of billions of stars. In the southern summer sky the Milky Way starts at the spout of the teapot and can be thought of as a steam coming out of the teapot!

Be sure to keep looking up and get outside as our nights become cooler; find Sagittarius, Mars, and the Milky Way; and get yourself a hot cup of tea!

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urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

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"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

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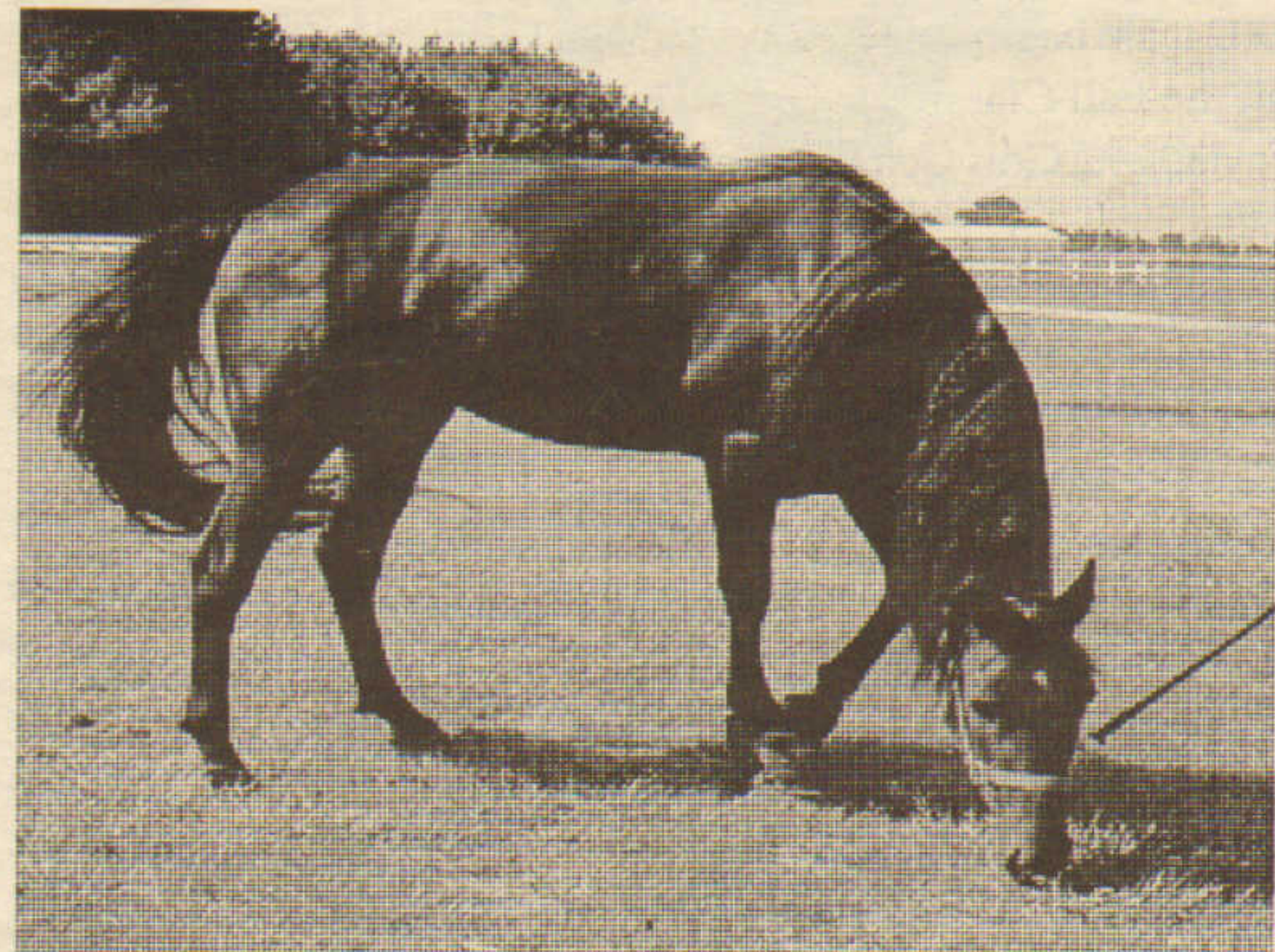
Howdy, Neighhhhhhhbors!!

By James A. Embrey

Hillcrest, Duncanville, and Taylorville are all names for the area south of the city of Tuscaloosa. Only a few years ago this was a very rural part of the county, seemingly days away from the nearest city. Growth

area with the city of Tuscaloosa, making it imperceptible to travelers on Highway 69, where the city ends and the county starts. Cotton fields and cow pastures are now neighborhoods and shopping centers, with more development to come.

Hidden behind several large white oak trees off Old Greensboro Highway, just north of Shelton State, lies a piece of this area's past. From a time when land was less densely populated, and fewer automobiles traversed the roads in daily commutes when horses were the only means of transportation,



One of the Circle D Ranch's horses chows down before showtime begins near the campus

and development, or "urban sprawl" this place is Circle D. as it is now called have blended this

The Circle D is a horse farm and

has been owned by the Spiller family, since about the 1800, before Alabama was admitted to the Union. At this time it was purchased from the U.S. government for 25 cents an acre, and it included the land where Shelton State's Martin Campus is located.

Circle D has trained Tennessee Walking Horses and Spotted Saddle Horses for many years. In 1989 a local rider rode one of Circle D's Spotted Saddle Horses to a world championship.

Circle D is owned by Betty Spiller, the wife of the late Robert Spiller. Christopher Leon "Fleecy" Patton leases the farm and manages the property. Patton has owned horses for over 50 years. Patton oversees the day-to-day activities involved in running Circle D, from cutting hay, to mending fences, and feeding horses.

Patton is no longer training horses at Circle D, but is turning it into a boarding stable and guided riding facility, beginning this fall. Trails will wind through the woods and around the lakes, of the 217 acre farm, with open fields for stretching the horses' legs. All of this will pro-

vide riders with a pleasurable environment, where they can hone their riding skills or begin to develop them.

Patton has been hard at work, getting the facility ready to open for public use. "The thing about a farm," Patton says, "is that there is always work to do." Patton's work as of late, besides the usual, has included clearing brush and cutting trials.

Patton hopes to create a place that will appeal to everyone. From families with children, to church groups, and dating couples, Patton envisions an environment that will allow people to relax and enjoy a slower pace of life, while bringing them closer to nature. Picnic areas will also be located along the trails. Patton says riders may dismount and enjoy a packed lunch, conversation, or just peace and quiet.

Circle D though hidden is easy to find. Take a left out of Shelton State's main drive, and head north on Old Greensboro Highway, then follow the second driveway on the left, through the trees and into a place that holds fast to the area's past.

When do you leave for school?



Editorial

By Natalie Mills

Every morning I get up earlier than the last. It never seems to matter, the traffic is backed up as far as I can see. Why should we have to leave our houses an hour earlier to travel five or ten miles?

I wonder who engineered the 69 South area? Why there five schools

in a one-mile radius of each other no one knows. Even I could've told you that this was a mistake.

A Tuscaloosa policeman should station himself near the B.P. on Hwy 69 every morning because nine out of ten times he is going to be called to the area anyway.

The question many ask is: When are there going to be new highways or bypasses built in this area?

Sharon Vincent offers new science classes

Chemistry instructor Sharon Vincent is offering two classes in the sciences to Shelton students: CHM 109 and CHM 110—Introductory Chemistry for Non-Majors.

Vincent said the classes will cover such topics as fossil fuels,

ozone hole and skin cancer, global warming, nuclear energy, steroids, cloning and designer drugs.

Vincent said the emphasis in the class will be on life decisions on issues suggested in the media.

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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—



Softball program avoids starting in a rut



Baseball, softball, golf, and soccer are all engaged in fall games and tournaments, with soccer's schedule counting as their official season.

Softball was getting ready to play fall games when a rut ap-

peared in its one-year old field because of the heavy rains in Tuscaloosa recently.

Not to fear. The school brought in the heavy equipment, and the field was readied for its slate of games.

Golfers begin fall slate of tourneys

By Lane Sanders

The Shelton State golf team is getting ready for the upcoming season. The 2001-2002 team begins play on Sept. 16th with the Fall Classic at the University of Alabama Golf Center.

There are six returning players: Calle Andren, Jason Davidson, Todd Jones, Kirk Kelly, Pope Spruiell, and Will Taylor. The two rookies who make the team complete are David Rascoe and Tommy Ryan.

The players, along with Coach Matt Terry, are excited about work-

ing together to make this season a success. "We want the team to have the chance to win in every tournament. Everyone came here to win," says Coach Terry.

The Buccaneers are very excited about the season ahead of them. They have set very high goals, such as defending their national championship title from 1999-2000. The team has worked hard to prepare themselves for a successful season.

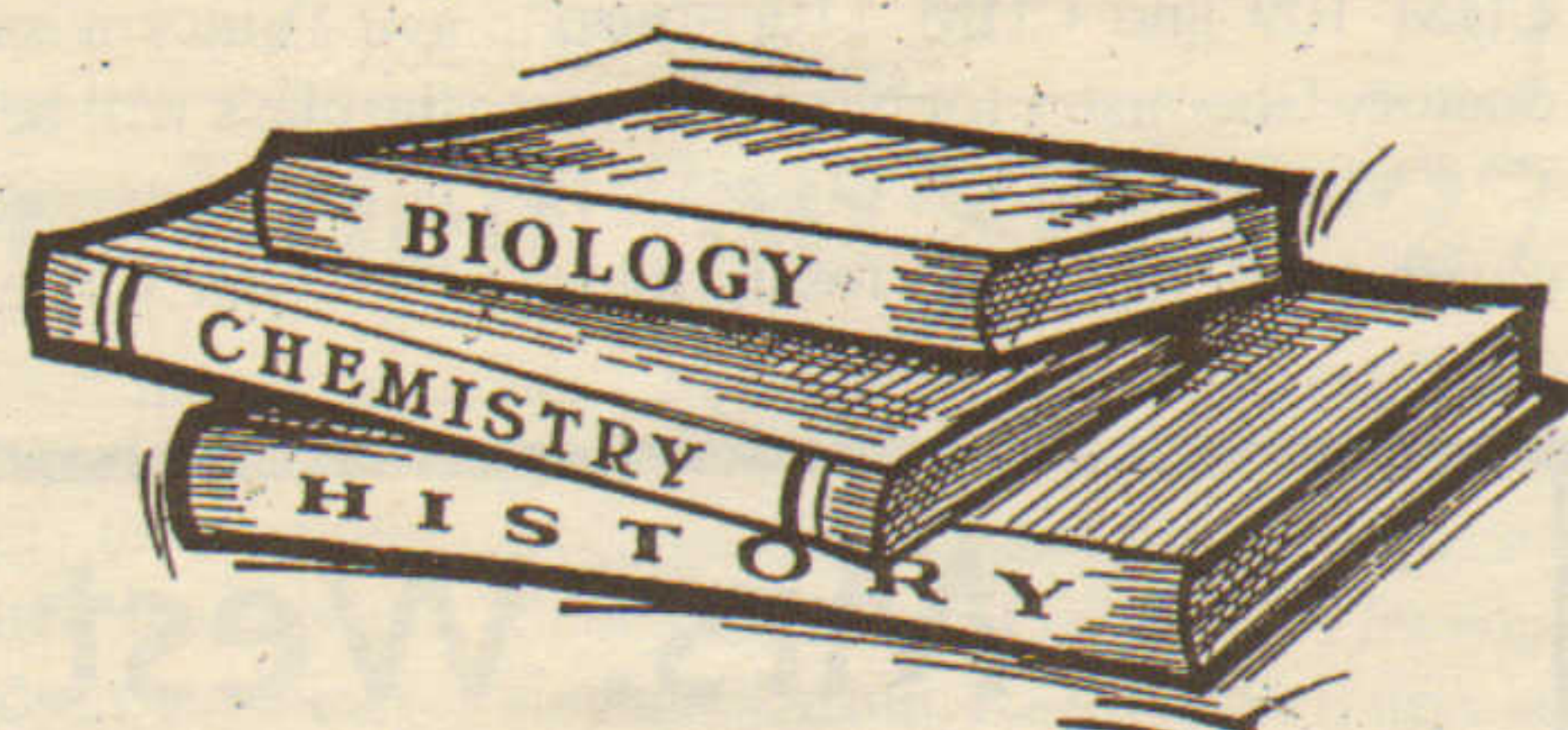
Buccaneer fans can get the 2001-2002 golf schedule at the Shelton State Community College official website, <http://www.shelton.cc.al.us>.

-Sept. 16-18 Shelton State C.C.
-Oct. 1-2 Meridian C.C.
-Oct. 3-5 Rend Lake C.C.
-Oct. 11 LaGrange College
-Oct. 21-23 Gadsden State C.C.
-Nov. 4-6 Shelton State C.C.

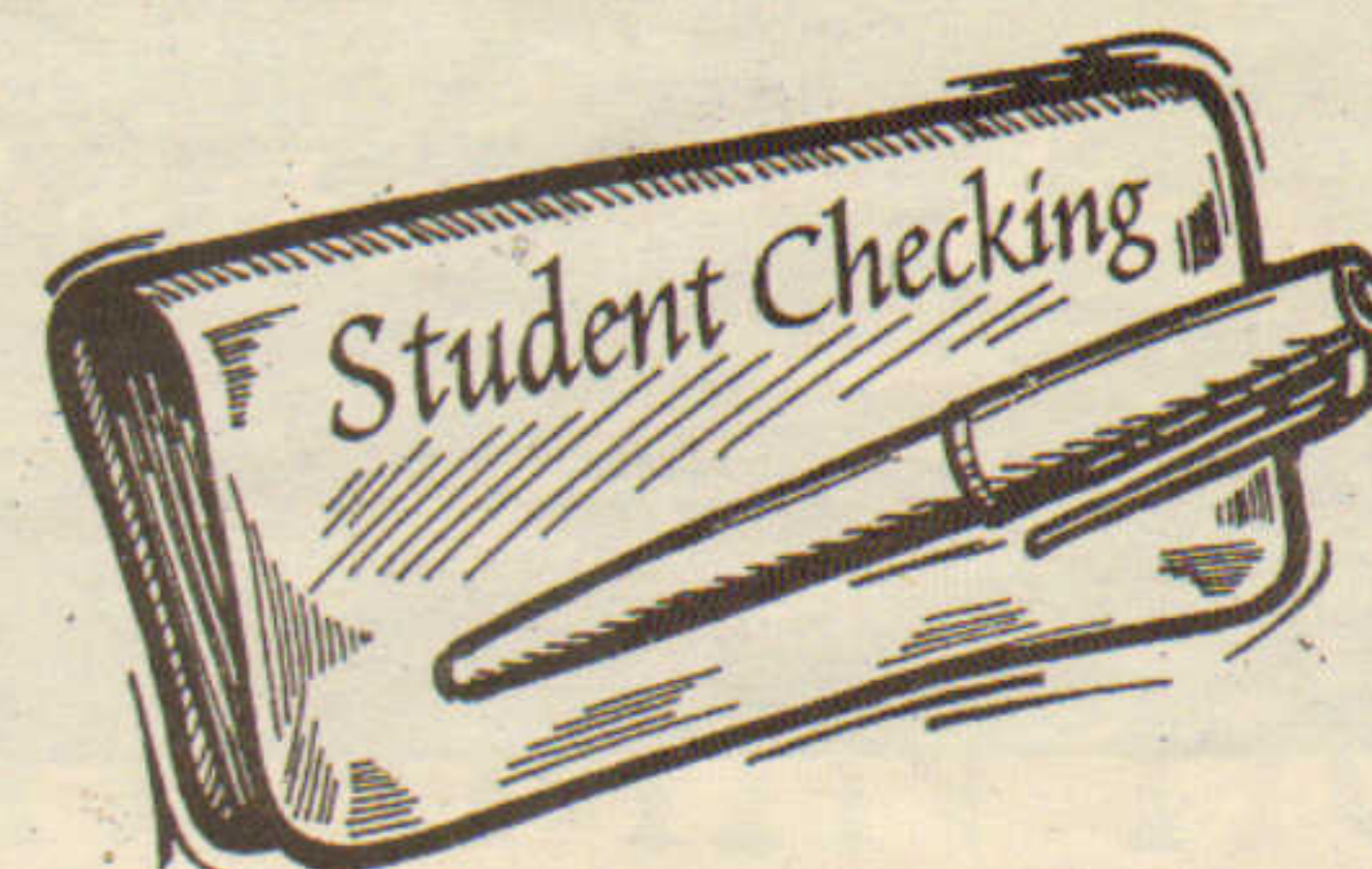
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Bizzoco selected for U.S. Fencing Association National Coaches College

Bruce Bizzoco, associate dean of instruction at Shelton State Community College, recently returned from the United States Fencing Association National Coaches Development Program, a three-week instructional program housed at the United States Olympic Training Center (USOTC) in Colorado Springs, Colo. Bizzoco was one of approximately 90 instructors and coaches from across the United States invited to attend.

According to Bizzoco, the National Coaches College was created to increase the quality of fencing instruction in the United States and consists of practical and classroom sessions. "Twenty years ago Shelton State made a commitment to offer fencing on both an academic and in-

ter-mural basis," Bizzoco said.

Bizzoco was one of 60 coaches from across the United States who was selected for the first class 20 years ago. After four years, Bizzoco graduated with an instructors rating in three weapons: foil, saber, and epee.



"Bruce Bizzoco is a wonderfully unique individual who does so much for our students and our college. This leadership opportunity is not only a compliment to him but our college as well," said Shelton president Rick Rogers.

"After 17 years, it was a great honor and thrill to be asked back to be part of the national coaching staff," Bizzoco said. "As a staff member, my specific job during the training program was to deliver a series of lec-

tures on the history of fencing and weapons and to assist in the fencing drills."

Bizzoco has been involved with many aspects of fencing through the years. In 1994 he was asked to serve as assistant director of sports information for fencing during the Atlanta Olympic games.

Bizzoco believes in bringing the skills of fencing to the classroom. Bizzoco has served as a consultant for the sport in many instances and has continually taught the course at Shelton State. He has held numerous demonstrations and lectures on the history of weapons at various schools and other organizations through the years.

Anyone who is interested in any type of fencing demonstration or program for one of the local schools can contact Bizzoco at Shelton State, (205) 391-2966.

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lence on American soil.

"We urge all in the Shelton State Community College family not to exacerbate the crises by retaliatory actions towards any persons or ethnic group. We will not condone such actions and appropriate disciplinary process will be applied. We urge all faculty, staff and students to remember those injured and killed in their thoughts and prayers."

Earlier the scene was compared to Pearl Harbor. The difference is that there was a war in progress at that time. That attack occurred on a military base. These were civilians. This attack was far worse in scope than Pearl Harbor.

One student, Chris Yarbrough, said, "Tom Clancy could not have written the scene any more dramatic.... In something that seems to have come from an action movie; our lives have changed."

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Courier continues a survey of the local band and music scene



One development in the local band scene that everyone is buzzing about is the report that the band Lock-13 has gotten a big record contract and is about to record their album and take to the road. Members are (L-R) Jonathan Childers, vocals, Drew Hall, lead guitar; Ben Herdman, bass; Buck Fourn, rhythm guitar and Eddie Robertson, drums

By Danielle Dean and Stacey Turner

Second of Three Parts

If you have been attentive to the music scene in Tuscaloosa for the past couple of years I am sure you have heard the names Freak Magnet and Organic Logic. These two bands have been working the night scene for a couple of years and have managed to become the two most crowd-drawing bands in Tuscaloosa.

While their crowds tend to have many faces in common, each band is unique in its own way. Freak Magnet puts out a psychedelic mood while Organic Logic puts you in a funkadelic mood.

Both bands play in nightclubs all

over Tuscaloosa, week after week, all year long. Freak Magnet can mostly be found in The Booth, Pounders and Gallettes. Organic Logic can be seen playing acoustic every Wednesday night at 4th & 23rd, but also gives weekend performances at The Booth and 4th & 23rd a few times a month.

Both of the bands have teamed up on three separate occasions to give the students of Tuscaloosa the best two-for-one deal in town: two awesome bands, for one low cover charge—five bucks. This event has been known as the Illogical Freak Show and is an excellent showcase of talented musicians having fun. Lead singer of Freak Magnet, Lafe Murray said, "Not many bands can play together,

get along and have as much fun as we do with them (Organic Logic)." Organic Logic and Freak Magnet have also played a show together in Birmingham.

Both groups have been known to rock the house at Zydeco, located in the Five Points district in downtown Birmingham.

Now that you have heard how much in demand they are, you can get a run down of what you can expect to find on their set lists.

Freak Magnet will never let the Pink Floyd fans down, whether they start off the night with "Shine on You Crazy Diamonds" or wrap up the early morning with "Wish You Were Here." Murray said that Floyd is the one thing all the members have in common. The songs that seem to really get the crowd energized and involved are the covers they perform of Widespread Panic and Phish. Freak Magnet does perform originals and is always working over ideas for fresh material; their most popular original song is "Ocean."

The four members that make up Freak Magnet are Jacob Thompson, lead guitar; John Kueler, bass vocals; Andy Beck, drums and Murray, lead singer and guitar.

Organic Logic takes a more instrumental approach to their set list, playing variations of popular jams along with their own creativity. They do an incredible job performing their own musical version of Michael Jackson's "Beat It," and Stevie Wonder's "Superstitious." At some point in the night you will be sure to see drummer Bucky Hicks come out from behind his drum set to rap his little tune that has become an Organic Logic tradition.

Organic Logic is comprised of five members, Hicks, drums; Joe Bonner, bass; Tait Thompson, lead guitar and vocals; Benji Thompson, rhythm guitar and vocals; and Adam Hill, percussion.

Both bands also have dates on the road to places such as Mobile, Auburn, Montevallo, and Columbus but they describe Tuscaloosa as definitely their home. To find out more about Freak Magnet check them out at their web site: www.freakmag.net where you will find a complete list of dates.

Throughout the fall Organic Logic and Freak Magnet will be sticking it out in Tuscaloosa, playing as much as they can on the strip and downtown, continuing to be faithful to their most faithful fans.

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Bash scheduled for Sept. 27

On Sept. 27, the Shelton State Foundation will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its primary fundraiser, the Shelton State Barbecue Bash. Held annually in the fall, the Barbecue Bash combines fund raising with barbecues, bingo, and a silent auction.

This year as part of the Bash two cars will be auctioned off as well as a dream vacation that includes airfare and hotel reservations in a choice of locations.

Bidding for the silent auction on Aug. 27 will be from 5:30—7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6—7:30 p.m. and bingo will be played from 7—9:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$20 a person and include dinner and bingo cards.

Money from the bash this year will go to the foundation's scholarship fund. This year 37 students will attend Shelton State Community College on a foundation scholarship. Last year the Barbecue Bash raised over \$14,000 in scholarship money.

"The Barbecue Bash is a wonderful family event," said Shelton president Rick Rogers. "There are many great prizes and exciting auction items. The proceeds from the Bash fund scholarships that benefit many local students."

Ashley Ferry is president of the foundation and the chair of this year's Bash. Paul Looney is the director of the foundation. For tickets or additional information on the Bash call 391-2298.

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Five new employees began work this fall

Five new faculty and staff positions at Shelton State Community College have recently been filled, according to Shelton President Rick Rogers. A work keys assessment specialist and a work keys/personnel support specialist have been named as well as commercial art, machine tool technology and office administration instructors. The college has also selected the new director of educational Talent Search.

Jan Dean is the new work keys assessment specialists for Shelton State.

Dean received her B.S. degree from Auburn University. Before coming to Shelton State, she was a physical education aid at Englewood Elementary School in Tuscaloosa.

Debbie Einarsson of Tuscaloosa was named work keys/personnel support specialist. A graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in interior design, Einarsson has been with the college since March 2000. Before the new position she was a grant writer and worked with the Work Keys program.

Larry McAfee is the new commercial art instructor. McAfee holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from Auburn University and has worked with a number of advertising agencies including Creative Displays of Gadsden, Ala.; Outdoor West, Galveston, Texas; Patrick Media, Houston; Outdoor West, Griffin, Ga.; and Advertise ATLANTA.

Jason Moore is the new machine tool technology instructor. Moore is a native of Tuscaloosa and received his B.S. degree from Athens State College in

1997. In addition to teaching part time at Shelton, Moore was an instructor for the Alabama Industrial Development Training (Mercedes-Benz Institute) from August 1997 to December 2000.

Pam Stewart is the new office administration instructor. Stewart has 25 years of teaching experience and was the business education instructor at Hillcrest High School before joining Shelton State. She holds a B.S. and an M.A. degree from the University of Alabama. She is a member of Delta Pi Epsilon, National Business Education Association, Alabama Business Education Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, National Education Association, Alabama Education Association, and Tuscaloosa County Education Association.

Wanda Kemp of Northport is the director of Shelton's Educational Talent Search program. Kemp graduated from Livingston University in 1983 and has served as a counselor for Educational Talent Search since 1991. She is a native of Eutaw, Ala.

Get-On-Board Day 2001 continues at the college

Phi Theta Kappa sponsored Get on Board Day on Sept. 12 and 13. If any student missed Get on Board Day and are interested in joining clubs and organization they should contact Tracy Branch-Abbott. Abbott's e-mail address is TBranch@shelton.cc.al.us.

Abbott's office is located on the third floor. Abbott can also help any student contact the sponsor of any group or organization as well as answering any questions.

There are many clubs and organizations offered here at Shelton State. Phi Theta Kappa is based on academic achievement. Students must be enrolled in a regionally accredited institution offering an associate degree program, must complete a minimum of 12 hours of course-work leading to an associate degree, must generally have a 3.5 grade point average, and must enjoy full rights of citizenship.

Circle K has no grade point average

requirement and is open to all students who are interested in community service and leadership skills.

Other clubs offered Student Government Association, African-American Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Baptist Campus Ministry, and the Ecology Club.

Organizations included: Student Nurse Association, Ambassadors, Diamond Girls, Shelton Singers, Courier, Wellness Center, and the Theatre department.

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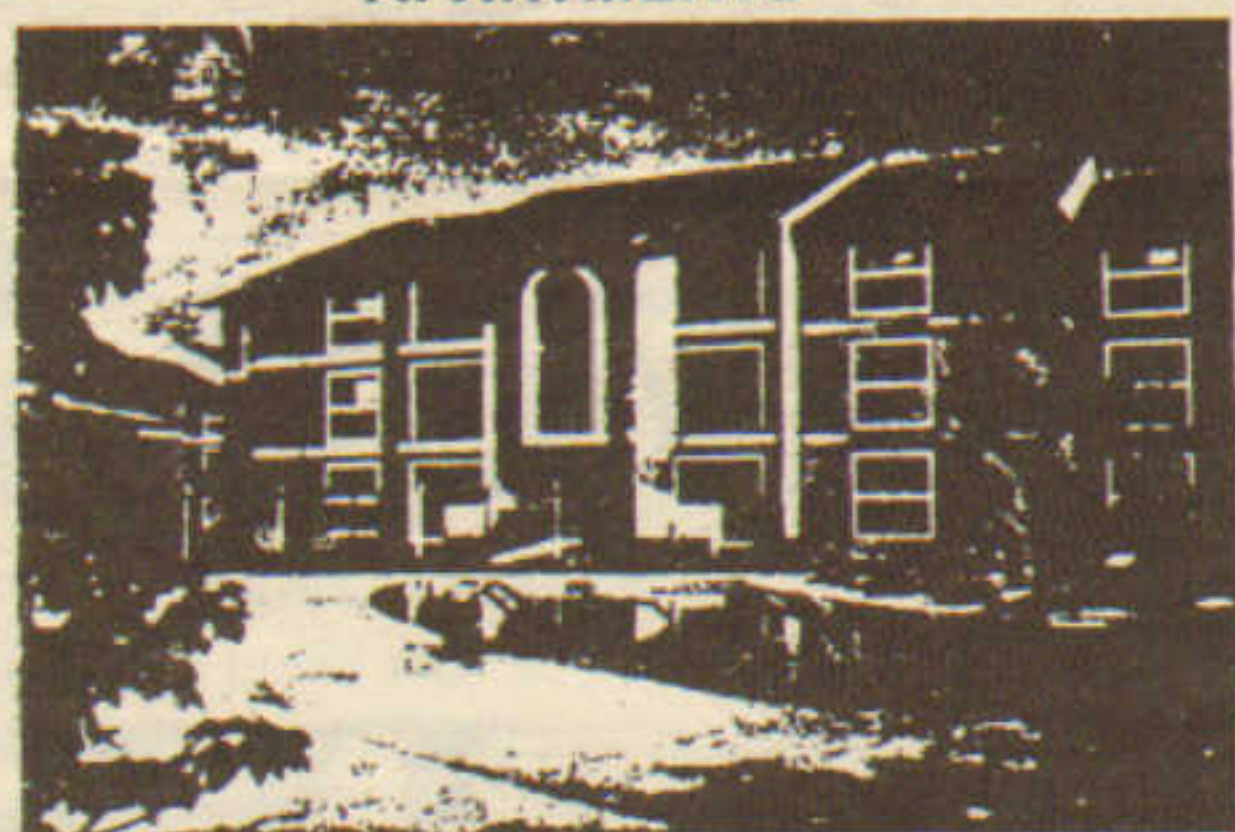
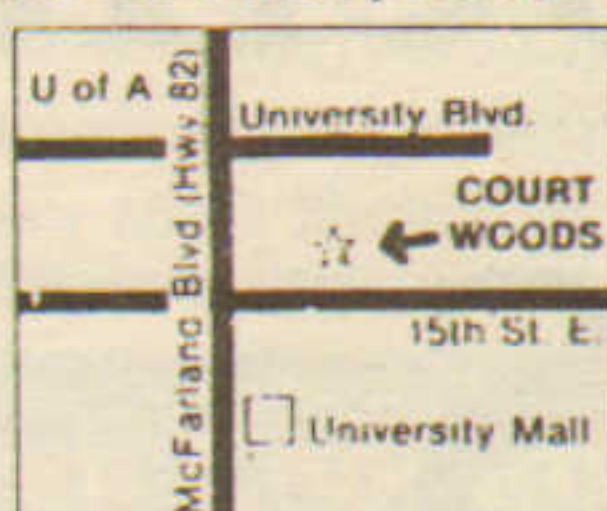
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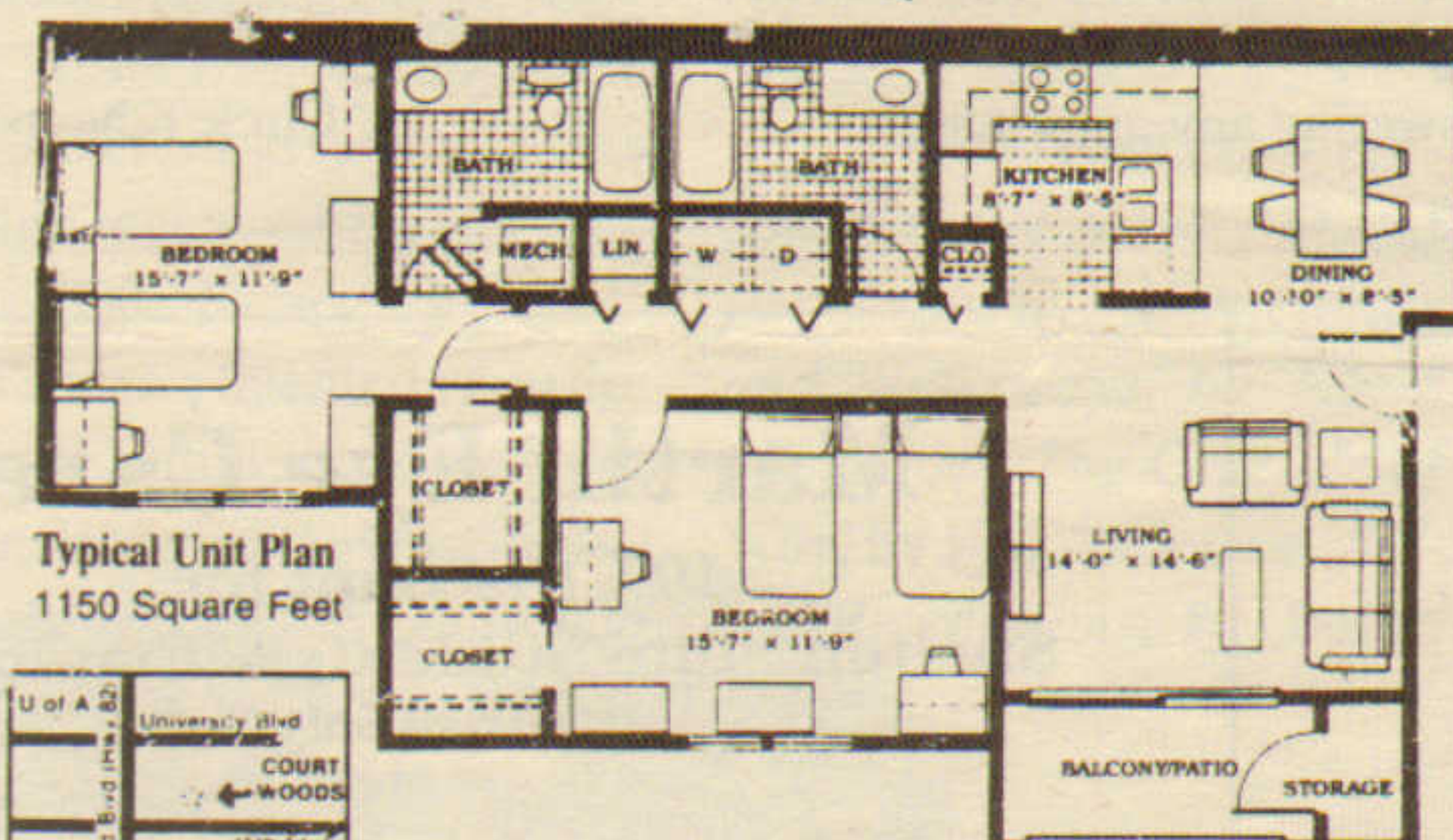
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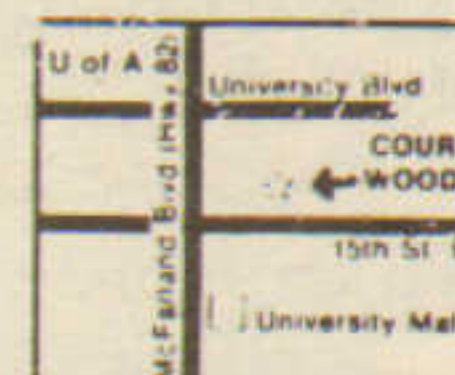
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